(d) and (e) Under the relevant Regulations, National Council for Teacher Education has powers to grant relaxation on receipt of a reference from the concerned State Government, to the extent it considers necessary.

Mahila Samakhya Karyakram

†2674. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Mahila Samakhya Karyakram is being run at present;

(b) the basis on which the States are selected for 'Mahila Samakhya Karyakram;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal to include the 'Mahila Samakhya Karyakram' of Madhya Pradesh in 'Rashtriya Mahila Samakhya Karyakram'; and

(d) if so, by when the concurrence would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Mahila Samakhya Karyakram is operational in 9 States *viz.* Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh. Mahila Samakhya Programme is sanctioned to States which request for the programme. A proposal for restarting the programme in Madhya Pradesh has been received. The States approved for coverage under the Mahila Samakhya Programme so far, for the 10th Plan period are limited to the 9 States mentioned above.

Elections of student unions

†2675. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that elections of student unions have not been conducted in certain Central Universities for the last so many years;

(b) if so, details thereof, State-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.